(c) Electrification of all households of Madhya Pradesh has been targeted by 2012.

Coal and Hydro Power Projects

†1661. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new power projects, based on coal/hydro power, proposed to be started;

(b) whether any of these projects would be started in Bihar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) 114 power projects (68 Thermal, 44 hydro and 2 nuclear) comprising, of 25417 MW thermal, 14393 MW hydro and 1300 MW of nuclear have been envisaged for completion during the Tenth Plan.

(b) and (c) During the Tenth Plan, capacity addition of 1320 MW in the Central Sector and 135 MW in the Private Sector has been envisaged for the State of Bihar. At present, Kahalgaon STPP St. II Phase-I (2x500 MW) is under construction in the Central Sector.

Average cost of power production

1662. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average cost of produce power per kilowatt/hour by various distributor companies in India;

(b) whether the power distribution companies in India are charging Rs. 5 per unit when the cost of producing power is not more than Rs. 3 per unit (kilo-watt-hours);

(c) whether Government is aware that most of the power distribution companies are charging fuel adjustment charge, surcharge, cess and other taxes due to which the consumers have to pay very heavy charges;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.